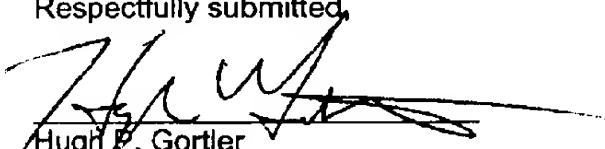


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This is a response to the office action dated June 18, 2003. The amendment includes a listing of the claims, and a section for remarks. The listing has been provided, even though no claims are currently amended.

A petition for a ONE month extension of time is included with this response. The petition extends the shortened statutory period for response to October 18, 2003. The attached transmittal letter provides authorization to pay the petition fee.

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